

## SOME GOOD ADVICE FOR NEW AUTOISTS

Authority Gives Out Timely Tips to Motoring Recruits.

By HARRY WARD.

This is the season of the year when many recruits break into the motoring game. For their benefit some very timely information has been prepared by a leading authority, from which it is learned that the starting out as an operator of an automobile is preceded by a number of preliminaries that the wise recruit will attend to before beginning his novitiate. First of all and most important of all, he will insure his car against fire or theft, next he will take out his license numbers, after which he should carefully study the instruction book prepared by the concern from which he has purchased his car. He will then begin to think of learning to actually drive. That taken up and mastered after a few lessons, he becomes an enthusiastic motorist, rather green as to experience, but eager to become initiated in the joys of the sport of which he has dreamed all winter.

When it comes time to go out and take the first lesson in actually driving the car, the beginner should remember that confidence is half the battle, that if one keeps his nerve and does not become rattled he will have little trouble in mastering the art of driving a motor car. Of course, there are lots of self-taught drivers, but, on the other hand, it is best to have some one of experience along, even if he does nothing more than sit in the other seat and give advice. He can tell the uses of the various levers and can caution the amateur at times when congestion of traffic may bring about trouble if the beginner has to watch other vehicles and his levers at the same time. It is best to take some quiet road for the first lesson, and after extensive practice in the art of shifting gears and operating the clutch, a novice can venture out into the motoring world.

The foreign trade of the United States in automobiles now amounts to a million dollars a month, or \$12,000,000 per annum, of which sum \$8,000,000 are exports, and \$4,000,000 imports. Ten years ago the trade in automobiles was not of sufficient value to justify the Bureau of Commerce and the Department of Statistics either in making a separate record of the imports or exports. The imports are chiefly from France, Italy, Germany, and the United Kingdom, and the exports to practically every country in the world, though the largest number go to Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Australia. France leads the world as an exporter of automobiles, with the United States second in rank.

L. P. Dorsett, manager of the Studebaker branch, has received the very gratifying news that the Studebaker Automobile Company, of South Bend, Ind., has just booked an order for seven electric delivery wagons and trucks for a New York department store. This is said to be one of the largest orders ever placed for electric commercial vehicles. The department store in question intends to use automobiles exclusively in its delivery service.

According to advice received by John S. Lacombe, Jr., of the Motor Sales Company, Stewart McDonald, general manager of the Moon Motor Car Company, is trying to interest some of the prominent business men of St. Louis in a plan to arrange a big national automobile show in St. Louis during the latter part of September, when the national good roads convention will be held there.

In a Studebaker "40" touring car, with L. P. Dorsett at the wheel, the dramatic editors of the four newspapers of this city were taken to Baltimore Wednesday as the guests of L. Stoddard Taylor, manager of the Baltimore Theater. The party went over in the afternoon via the Washington-Baltimore route, and were entertained most enjoyably during their short stay in the Metropolitan City.

Barber & Hill, agents for the Demot, have leased for a term of years a large garage in process of construction at the intersection of Irving and Streets. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy about May 1, at which time they will remove their present quarters in the Mt. Pleasant garage. It is the firm's intention to introduce a number of innovations in garage service.

Barnes & Hendrick report the sale of a 2-horsepower Pullman touring car, fully equipped, to Major P. W. West, U. S. A., retired. The machine was delivered to him yesterday.

Donald Woodward, who recently purchased a 20 Studebaker car with tonneau from C. Cassard Schroth, the St. Louis agent, is on a trip to Vermont. He left Washington this week and will devote considerable time to the trip.

Lieutenant Brillhart, U. S. N., has placed an order with the Pope Automobile Company, of Washington, for an Oakland touring car.

## A GOOD CATCHER



DICK WOODWARD, Well-Known Backstop, Who Will Play With Commissioners This Season.

It was announced today by the management of the Commissioners hall team of the Departmental League that Dick Woodward has been signed, and will appear on the Monument Grounds this season.

Woodward has had considerable professional experience since leaving the local high schools several years ago, and the Commissioner manager considers himself particularly lucky in landing him.

## Little Bits of News and Comment About the Athletes and Happenings In the Sport Realm of This Country

Tommy Carey has been offered a match with Charley Griffin, the Australian lightweight, at Troy, N. Y., on April 15.

The Keystone Athletic Club, of Allentown, wants Battling Jim Johnson to box Tom Overby ten rounds at that club on Thursday night, April 14.

Jack O'Brien has arranged a training camp at his old favorite headquarters, King of Prussia, where he will get in shape for his bout at Pittsburgh with Al Kaufman.

Joe Thomas, the California middleweight, is on the warpath hunting the scalp of Frank Klaus, whom he has challenged for any number of rounds.

Harry Edwards, treasurer of the National Athletic Club, said yesterday that Sam Langford will start for Philadelphia immediately after his fight with Jim Barry, at Los Angeles. Langford will probably do his training with George Cole, at Merchantville, N. J.

At Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Wednesday night, Tony Capoin, the Chicago middleweight, knocked out George La Paige, champion of Western Canada, in seven rounds.

"Ty" Cobb will join the Detroit club at Indianapolis today. Cobb is sound and light, and really did not need to go South with the Tigers to get into condition.

Outfielder Waite, of the Chicago Americans, who was reported to be in the hospital in California, has gone to his home at Rockville, Conn. He has been tutored back to the Springfield club of the Connecticut League.

The second team of the Boston Nationals was in a railroad wreck on the Louisville and Nashville railroad at Saxton, Ky., yesterday. The engineer was killed and the fireman injured, but none of the players was injured. However, the baseball paraphernalia and baggage of the players was badly damaged.

Cold weather yesterday prevented the fifth game between the Philadelphia major league clubs.

Erwin G. Baker, motorcycle racer of Indianapolis, will attempt to break all motorcycle records at the Indianapolis motor speedway this season.

Springfield, Mass., Motorcycle Club

## WEATHER NOT SO BAD FOR THE NATIONALS

Present Cold Spell Doesn't Count Compared With Those of Past Spring Experiences—Cleveland Worries About Lajoie—Some Gossip.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Cease the strife. If you think this is not good training weather for baseball teams, remember what the Washington club went through with for three weeks every year for the past three years. Also, that was the experience of the Boston and other clubs which cowered the Middle West after a short preparation in Texas and the far South. In fact, yesterday was a balmy day in June compared with some of those that saw the Washington players cowering in Kansas and Nebraska when the robins were nesting in 1909. All of which is no argument for anything in particular, but just to show that the team is losing nothing by being home this year, but might lose a month by being around Washington next spring.

McBride is rapidly getting to be himself again.

McAleer displayed excellent sense when he called off the exhibition game with Brooklyn yesterday because of cold weather. There would not have been money enough in it to make the game or the risk worth while. On the other hand, the wind was so chilly that even if the athletes had worked up a sweat they would have been worse off than if they had not, and could have been relied upon to hold themselves in check, which would have meant that what few spectators were on hand would not have seen a legitimate trial of strength on either side.

Nevertheless, George Evans is funny, and if we had another pass we would see him again tonight.

They are having a lively time in Cleveland over the location of Larry Lajoie. That bright and enterprising young pitcher, Ed. Bang, of the Cleveland News, has been writing widely around the country for crudit opinions on whether Larry should be kept on first base, or

will have a 500-mile race on May 20, for which the winner will receive a \$300 diamond, second man one valued at \$150, and third \$50.

Howard Gould has added a valuable Irish terrier to his string at his Long Island kennels. This dog is Castle Gould Wallaby, and came from England. It was formerly known as Fennyl Wallaby.

Secretary Abe L. Langtry, of the American Bowling Congress, says the recent Detroit tournament championships were to bowling enthusiasts who bowl for enjoyment and not for money, for which reason they will do the game more good than any for several years.

Fresh vigor has been given to the movement to encourage amateur lacrosse in Montreal by the announcement that D. D. Mann, of the Canadian Northern Railway, will donate a \$50 trophy that will be to amateur lacrosse what the Minto cup is to the professional game in Canada.

Edward Payson Weston during his long career, extending over fifty years, has been the great apostle of walking. He has been in all manner of heel and toe contests, and it is calculated that in the period of over forty-two years he has covered in public a distance equal to three times the circumference of the earth.

Owen Moran, the English lightweight, left for San Francisco to meet Tommy McCarthy, the San Francisco lightweight, on April 20. McCarthy sprang into fame by fighting a twenty-round draw with Cyclone Johnny Thompson.

Reading, Pa., is likely to have a horse show this year. Daniel J. Driscoll is being urged to manage the event which is to take place in Witman's ball park.

Whether he should be sent to shortstop. The argument seems to be that Larry would make a good short stopper and by shifting him shoe gloves could result in some of the changes of rules that were practically decided on by the rules committee at its recent session. The day of the active, lithe player—smaller and lighter than the rest of the team—who directed play and was the keystone of the whole situation, is passing. That is the opinion of Bob Burch, coach of the Cincinnati University eleven, after he made preliminary study of the changes to be made.

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## NEW RULES KILL QUARTERBACK JOB

So Thinks Bobby Burch, Coach at University of Cincinnati.

Football may become a game "without a quarterback" under the changes of rules that were practically decided on by the rules committee at its recent session. The day of the active, lithe player—smaller and lighter than the rest of the team—who directed play and was the keystone of the whole situation, is passing. That is the opinion of Bob Burch, coach of the Cincinnati University eleven, after he made preliminary study of the changes to be made.

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## "My Story of My Life"

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By Joe Jeffries

SYNOPSIS.

Jeffries describes how he is an American through and through, and of his childhood days. Tells of early experiences at his birthplace, Carroll, Ohio. Describes his love of hunting was born during his childhood days. Narrates details of his first deer hunt. Learned some fighting at school. Had narrow escape with negro fellow-workman. Explains the mystery of his great reserve strength. Recalls an exciting adventure in the hills. Says he happened to become a professional boxer and advises hard work for exponents of the art. Tells of boxing made him forsake his trade. Says chance of a lifetime came to him when he was a training partner to Jim Corbett. Relates experiences of training spell with Corbett. Sees Corbett lose the championship.

CHAPTER XXII.

"I Beat Baker and Sign With Rublin."

THE Baker fight was held in Woodward's Pavilion in San Francisco. It was a curious thing that two coming world's champions fought that night—Joe Gans and myself. Gans was matched to fight Mike Leonard twenty rounds. When the match was made Gans, who was quite a star in the East, wanted to be put on for the main event. Of course, I was scheduled for that, being a heavyweight and coast champion. We talked it over. Leonard said he didn't care whether he went on with Gans first or last as long as he had a chance to fight, but Gans insisted. I didn't care myself, so I agreed to toss for it. Leonard flipped a coin and I called the turn right and won. Gans and Leonard went on first. Gans won the decision. That was as near as I ever came to fighting a preliminary bout. Of the fight I remember only one thing. It was a great punch. He kept on swinging and tearing at me. He surely was a husky, tough fellow. I began nailing him with lefts and rights, and as the fight went along I measured him and knocked him down half a dozen times. In the seventh round, I remember, I bit him so hard that his heels flew up in the air and he turned a complete somersault. It was a funny incident after the fight. Baker was as game a man as I have ever met. There was a funny incident after the fight. Baker was as sure of beating me that he bet the loser's end of the purse on himself. Of course he didn't get a cent out of the fight. And beside the loser's end of the purse he had bet an oyster supper for about half a dozen people. The supper cost him \$30, and when I was over poor Baker had to hustle around and make a touch to pay for it.

Gus Rublin's manager, Billy Madden, was at the ringside on the night I boxed Baker. He had just arrived on the coast with Rublin and Steve O'Donnell. Before the contest Madden jumped into the ring and challenged the winner for Rublin. He wanted to make the challenge sound good, and on the spur of the moment he called out "The Akron Giant." The name made a hit with the crowd, and it stuck to Rublin from that time on.

Douglas White, of San Francisco, who was interested in boxing then, went to Madden and asked him if he thought Rublin could stay three rounds with me. "Because," said White, "I don't want to put on a bout that may be a fizzle, and it will take a good man to stand up to Jeffries now."

"Stay three rounds!" exclaimed Madden. "Yes, and he'll lick Jeffries, too." "Oh! don't give me that stuff," said White.

You can make the winner's and loser's end whatever you like," said Madden.

Sign Articles.

That convinced White. He had already asked Delaney, and now he signed Rublin up, and the match was on for July 18 at the Mechanics' Pavilion, then the most famous arena in the world. They were coming fast in those days.

According to the articles, Rublin was to get \$200 if he beat me, and \$50 if he lost. I worked on percentages—60 per cent of the gross receipts win or 20 per cent loss. Delaney and I figured that I was becoming popular in San Francisco, and that there'd be a big house. What we didn't figure on was the fact that Rublin was known, and that few people thought he'd be able to give me a hard fight. The house was a little shy of what we expected.

Title of next chapter, "How I Fought the Akron Giant."

## BASEBALL SEASONS.

At Cincinnati, Ohio—Cincinnati Nationals, 1, 2, 3; Philadelphia Americans (second), 4, 5, 6. Batteries—Spade, Frome, and Clarke; Kellogg, Feine, and Lapp.

At Columbus, Ohio—Columbus American Association team, 1, 2; Otterbein University, 3.

At Greensboro, N. C.—Rochester Eastern League, 1; Greensboro Carolina Association, 2.

At Roanoke, Va.—New York Americans—Roanoke State League canceled; no game.

At Indianapolis, Ind.—Indianapolis American Association, 1, 2; Chicago Nationals, 3, 4, 5. Batteries—Dugan, McCarthy, and Bowerman; Pfeiffer and Neidham.

At Evansville, Ind.—Detroit, 1, 2, 3; Evansville, 4, 5, 6. Batteries—Willett, Reckendorf, Lelivelt, and Schmidt; Wahl, Beck, and Schmitt.

At Kansas City, Mo.—Detroit Colts, 1; Kansas City, 2 (12 innings).

At Dayton, Ohio—Cleveland Americans, 1, 2; Dayton Central League, 3, 4, 5. Batteries—Young and Easterly; Justus, Wacker, and Elgen.

At Nashville, Tenn.—Boston American Regulars, 1, 2, 3; Nashville Southern, 4, 5, 6. Batteries—Clement, Karger, and Corrigan; Case, Lambert, and Seabaugh and Erloff.

At New Orleans—Cleveland Americans (second team), 1; New Orleans Southern League, 2.

COBB'S SON A WONDER.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8.—Ty Cobb, the ballplayer, was here yesterday en route to Indianapolis to join the Detroit Americans. Cobb declared his new son and heir was the greatest living wonder.

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